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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthen Social
5 Work Training Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS.**

2 (a) HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOL.—Section
 3 736(g)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 4 293(g)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “graduate program
 5 in behavioral or mental health” and inserting “graduate
 6 program in behavioral or mental health including a school
 7 offering graduate programs in clinical social work, or pro-
 8 grams in social work”.

9 (b) SCHOLARSHIPS, GENERALLY.—Section
 10 737(d)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 11 293a(d)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “mental health
 12 practice” and inserting “mental health practice including
 13 graduate programs in clinical psychology, graduate pro-
 14 grams in clinical social work, or programs in social work”.

15 (c) FACULTY POSITIONS.—Section 738(a)(3) of the
 16 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293b(a)(3)) is
 17 amended by striking “offering graduate programs in be-
 18 havioral and mental health” and inserting “offering grad-
 19 uate programs in behavioral and mental health including
 20 graduate programs in clinical psychology, graduate pro-
 21 grams in clinical social work, or programs in social work”.

22 **SEC. 3. GERIATRICS TRAINING PROJECTS.**

23 Section 753(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
 24 (42 U.S.C. 294c(b)(1)) is amended by inserting “schools
 25 offering degrees in social work,” after “teaching hos-
 26 pitals,”.

1 **SEC. 4. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.**

2 Subpart 2 of part E of title VII of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating section 770 as section
5 770A;

6 (2) by inserting after section 769, the following:

7 **“SEC. 770. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) TRAINING GENERALLY.—The Secretary may
9 make grants to, or enter into contracts with, any public
10 or nonprofit private hospital, school offering programs in
11 social work, or to or with a public or private nonprofit
12 entity (which the Secretary has determined is capable of
13 carrying out such grant or contract)—

14 “(1) to plan, develop, and operate, or partici-
15 pate in, an approved social work training program
16 (including an approved residency or internship pro-
17 gram) for students, interns, residents, or practicing
18 physicians;

19 “(2) to provide financial assistance (in the form
20 of traineeships and fellowships) to students, interns,
21 residents, practicing physicians, or other individuals,
22 who are in need thereof, who are participants in any
23 such program, and who plan to specialize or work in
24 the practice of social work;

1 “(3) to plan, develop, and operate a program
2 for the training of individuals who plan to teach in
3 social work training programs; and

4 “(4) to provide financial assistance (in the form
5 of traineeships and fellowships) to individuals who
6 are participants in any such program and who plan
7 to teach in a social work training program.

8 “(b) ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
10 grants to or enter into contracts with schools offer-
11 ing programs in social work to meet the costs of
12 projects to establish, maintain, or improve academic
13 administrative units (which may be departments, di-
14 visions, or other units) to provide clinical instruction
15 in social work.

16 “(2) PREFERENCE IN MAKING AWARDS.—In
17 making awards of grants and contracts under para-
18 graph (1), the Secretary shall give preference to any
19 qualified applicant for such an award that agrees to
20 expend the award for the purpose of—

21 “(A) establishing an academic administra-
22 tive unit for programs in social work; or

23 “(B) substantially expanding the programs
24 of such a unit.

1 “(c) DURATION OF AWARD.—The period during
 2 which payments are made to an entity from an award of
 3 a grant or contract under subsection (a) may not exceed
 4 5 years. The provision of such payments shall be subject
 5 to annual approval by the Secretary of the payments and
 6 subject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal
 7 year involved to make the payments.

8 “(d) FUNDING.—

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 10 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
 11 is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for
 12 each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2006.

13 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appro-
 14 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the
 15 Secretary shall make available not less than 20 per-
 16 cent for awards of grants and contracts under sub-
 17 section (b).”; and

18 (3) in section 770A (as so redesignated) by in-
 19 serting “other than section 770,” after “carrying
 20 out this subpart,”.

21 **SEC. 5. CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES.**

22 Section 1302 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 23 U.S.C. 300e–1) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting
2 “clinical social worker,” after “psychologist,” each
3 place it appears;

4 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “and psy-
5 chologists” and inserting “psychologists, and clinical
6 social workers”; and

7 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “clinical so-
8 cial work,” after “psychology,”.

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